

Wednesday - 9 May 1951

1. At the request of Mr. Blandford, Chief Clerk of the House Armed Services Committee, I reviewed with him and approved the text of the proposed report of the Committee on S. 927 (retired officers bill).

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2. Mrs. Bradshaw, of Sen. Byrd's office, requested information of the

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[REDACTED] I then called upon Sen. Byrd and informed him regarding [REDACTED] and he assured me that we could forget his inquiry, and that there would be no further discussion of the matter which had his hearty concurrence and approval.

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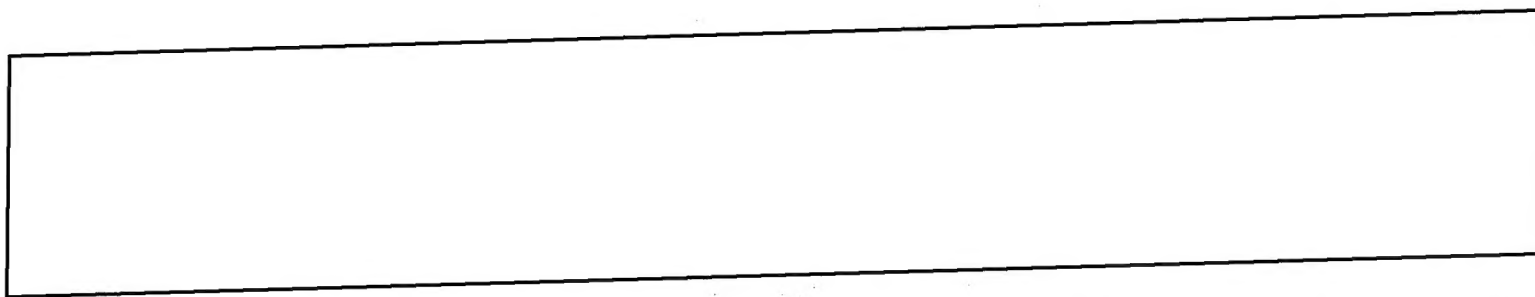
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3. Mr. Morin, of Sen. Knowland's staff, called to inform me that [REDACTED]

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4. The Director gave me the letter to him dated 8 May from Robert Lovett, Acting Secretary of Defense, enclosing a request to General Marshall dated 5 May for certain CIA information requested in turn by an enclosure from Sen. Saltonstall to Chairman Russell dated 4 May. He instructed me to discuss the matter with Chairman Russell and point out that the Director assumed office on 1 October and was not in a position to discuss prior situations; that it would be very difficult from the standpoint of protecting sources and methods to release the great mass of basic reports desired; that we had formalized our information in certain basic estimates which were divided into two parts (discussion and conclusions); that for security reasons it would be impossible to release the discussion portion; but that it might be possible to release the conclusions with the concurrence of the President. I was also instructed to show Chairman Russell the Director's memorandum to the Deputy Secretary of Defense dated 4 May 1951, subject: Summary of intelligence estimates on intervention by Chinese Communists in the Korean war.